

Remarks:

Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 10, 11, 17 and 18 because of various informalities in these claims. The Applicant has cancelled claim 1 rendering the objections as to claim 1 moot. The Applicant has amended claims 10, 11, 17 and 18 in order to correct the objection as to these claims.

Rejections under 35 USC 112:

The examiner has rejected claims 3-5, 9-10 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has amended claims 9, 10, 17 and 18 in such a manner as to overcome these rejection by providing proper antecedent basis for all of the elements in the claims.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 is allowable over the prior art. The applicant has amended claims 3-5, 9-10 and 13-18 to depend from allowable claim 11. Therefore, since these claims depend from an allowable claim and add further limitation thereto, they are also allowable over the prior art.

The Applicant sincerely believes that the remaining claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is, therefore, sincerely requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this

paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HJS920040042US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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